

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

January 23, 2006

7:00 p.m.

The Mayor, Council and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Balbier: "Mr. Fisk, would you call the roll please?"

Clerk Fisk: "Rich Balbier."
"Kathy Pucci."

Councilman Balbier: "Here."

President Balbier: "Mrs. Pucci won't be here this evening, she's ill."

Clerk Fisk: "Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilwoman Brown: "Here."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Here."
Councilman G. Frey: "Here."
Councilman Patton: "Here."
Councilman J. Frey: "Here."

President Balbier: "Tonight's agenda: We'll have a natural gas contract approval; Brooklyn Animal Shelter RFP request for an architect; we'll have Ordinance #2005-55, the third reading, Enacting Chapter 1360 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn, Ohio entitled Chapter 1360 Property Maintenance and Rental Licensing Code; Ordinance 2006-2, For the interim resurfacing of Ridge Road I-480 to Memphis Avenue in the City of Brooklyn; Ordinance 2006-3, Accepting the grant of a permanent easement from Key Bank National Association permitting the City of Brooklyn, the grantor, the right to enter upon lots more specifically described in the grant of easement attached hereto, for the installation and maintenance of a watermain for the purpose of supplying water service; Ordinance 2006-4, Repealing Ordinance 1999-44 which created the POPAS unit of the Brooklyn Police Department; Ordinance 2006-5, An Ordinance of intent of the City of Brooklyn to provide up front costs for the retaining of an architect for the Brooklyn Animal Shelter, Inc.; and other matters that may come before Council. I'll need a motion to accept the minutes of January 19th (9th)."

Councilman G. Frey: "So move."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes of January 19th (9th), Rich Balbier." Councilman Balbier: "Yea."
"Rita Brown." Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
"Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
"Greg Frey." Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
"Craig Patton." Councilman Patton: "Yea."
"John Frey." Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Balbier: "I also need a motion to approve the minutes of the Organizational meeting from January 9th."

Councilman G. Frey: "So move."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the minutes of the Organizational meeting from January 9th, Rich Balbier." Councilman Balbier: "Yea."
"Rita Brown." Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
"Colleen Gallagher." Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
"Greg Frey." Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
"Craig Patton." Councilman Patton: "Yea."
"John Frey." Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Albrier: "We'll now have the public session of our Council meeting. Anyone that anything to say for the good and welfare of the City of Brooklyn, please step up and state your name and address."

Shirley Palumbo: "I'm Shirley Palumbo, 10218 Micka Drive. And I'm here representing the Brooklyn Animal Shelter. I'm just going to tell you that on Tuesday, January 31st we're going to have a Dine and Donate Days by Cici's Restaurant, Ridge Park Square, by Lowe's. All you have to do is mention that you're here for Brooklyn Animal Shelter and we get 10% of the proceeds. Another thing I'd like to announce, I'm very happy that Councilman Craig Patton has come forth and he's going to donate the electrical services for the building project at the Shelter. And if anyone else would like to donate materials, service or equipment for the Shelter, please contact me. My number is 216-749-4893. Thanks."

President Albrier: "Does anyone else care to speak?"

Bill Anderson: "My name's Bill Anderson, I live on Rodoan Road. I'm a little upset, especially after a few weeks ago, that we talked about the perverts in this city, and it seems like the city, excuse me, not the city but the School Board, is a little aloof about the problem with this teacher and what he recommended for students, minors, to read as homework. I'm waiting for a return call from the County Prosecutor's office, because I do believe it's a very, very serious problem. And to have minors reading pornography or looking it up for any reason is disgusting. And I think more should be done. I feel insulted by the superintendent to say, well that was just a mistake. That's more than a mistake for someone in that position to have children with work assignments or school assignments of that matter. And I think more needs to be done. I personally am going to do what I can do. Like I say, I've contacted the County Prosecutor's office. And if need be, and I hate to do that, but I will try to contact the Oprah Winfrey Show if something else isn't done. If that's what it takes to get something done, and a better investigation in this, and two days later, oh, it was just a mistake, that's disgusting. I'm sorry, that's how I feel about it. Thank you."

President Albrier: "Thank you. Anyone else care to speak?"

Brady Cribbs: "My name is Brady Cribbs, I'm a fire fighter/paramedic for the City of Brooklyn. I am also the President of Local 1145 International Association of Fire Fighters. Recent events, specifically Local 1145's newly approved labor agreement, and the 'additional compensation packages' City Council has approved, have lead to Local 1145 being portrayed in a negative light. I feel it is important to set the record straight by clarifying several issues. Local 1145 began the bargaining process in the spirit of which it was designed, that being the creation of a mutually bargained, mutually agreed upon labor agreement. City Council is not involved in negotiations by design. City Council historically approves or does not approve labor agreements that the city and unions have agreed upon. City Council is not bigger than the bargaining process. Council believes it intervened in order to be fair to everyone. But was it fair to intervene before Council had all of the facts? The 2% wage increase Local 1145 received was not just given to us by the city. Local 1145 had to make concessions in order to receive a wage increase. It is unfair to portray this fact in any other light. Changes were made to the fire fighter's health care plan, specifically increases in co-pays and increases in the supplemental policy deductibles. Bottom line, this means more money out of our pockets to maintain the same level of health care coverage. At this time neither the administration nor the unions that received the additional compensation have had any increases in their contribution toward their health care plans. Their increases in pay were not contingent on accepting the health care changes that we made in order to receive our wage increase. It is important to understand why the health care issue is a priority to the members of Local 1145. Every time we, as fire fighters and paramedics, respond to an ambulance call or fire alarm, we put our personal health and well being on the line. In today's day and age of hepatitis and HIV, and numerous other health risks we encounter and could then potentially expose our families to, it is easy to understand why increases in our contribution to our health care impact us so greatly. During Council's discussion on the additional compensation, comments were made suggesting the fire fighters thought we were more worthy or more prestigious than the other unions. This is hardly the case. Local 1145 believes that all the city workers work equally hard and therefore deserve a wage increase. Each individual union has its own issues when negotiating a contract, and when a union signs a contract it is because it is mutually beneficial to both parties involved. When City Council then enters the foray as a Monday morning quarterback, disregarding what has been bargained for by both sides, it is detrimental to the whole process. It is also important to clarify several other points. Historically, all unions have not received the same pay increases. In fact, for 2005 the police dispatchers received a 3% increase in pay. It was also stated that the unions accepting zero percent increases did so to do their part in helping the city in financially difficult

times, portraying the fire fighters as greedy by getting a 2% raise. Those unions were threatened with layoffs, and Local 1145 did not accept the city's position as cash strapped. Local 1145 in fact had hired a professional financial consultant to do a comprehensive analysis of the city's finances. It was her conclusion that the city was in good financial shape, and in a position to offer fair raises to all employees. We all have since found this out to be the truth of the matter. It is apparent a difficult situation has been created for all of the unions. Negotiating with the city is a mute point when City Council takes matters into their own hands. But Council has set a precedent in order to be fair. And in all fairness, Local 1145 should have the same health care benefits as the administration and the other bargaining units. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you. Anyone else care to speak?"

Angret Georgi: "Angret Georgi, 9508 Behrwald. First, a public announcement. Mr. Frey, John Frey and I, made up, kissed and made up. And the other issue is, part of the reason that I had come up is that Colleen Coyne-Gallagher, who I know can speak for herself, but she made me feel, or her statement feel on to response, as I often felt when I brought something to the public. And it is true, as Rita Brown knows, I work long hours and have brought work home, but I wanted to make this statement. Since that Finance meeting is public, if then a Council person makes reference to something that was on the table or troubled her or him, to have the rest of us who just don't have the time, as much as we'd like to, be aware of it, I do appreciate that. And that's one reason why I really like that she made that statement and let me contribute. The other issue that I wanted to bring up is that we had a Master Plan presentation, if that's the right word, of the future of Brooklyn. And I was truly impressed with what those people that were working on that, and volunteered their time, what they have put together, it is really awesome. And I just need to add something, that one person mentioned at the time, that it doesn't look good coming in from the city on Biddulph and have two of those Salvation Army type stores. Outsiders have told me that, visitors. So if there is something that you can do to tuck them away a little bit, that would be nice. Then also I want to say something about, I have only heard or read in the paper or my son in Houston who logged onto the Plain Dealer heard about the school situation. It is really a city-wide or world-wide problem. I work in the mental health field, and we are inundated with pornographic e-mails. We cannot afford to block these out. To purposely make children access these sites is criminal and foolish. And another thing is, I was happened to be in our library when the Dell computers had just been installed, and right there on this brand new computer where they had put in the icons so that the kids can easily get to whatever programs they want to or need to get to, there were icons in there, uninvited, of pornographic sites. It's kind of a sickness when they impose on our life like that. So anything that we can do, that would be helpful. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Georgi. Anybody else?"

Joe Magrey: "Hi, Joe Magrey, 4714 Elizabeth Lane. One of the concerns brought up during the fall campaign was the state of housing stock in Brooklyn. This is a very important issue affecting Brooklyn's future. Specifically, residents voiced concerns about abandoned homes surfacing in Brooklyn. We aren't really accustomed to that in Brooklyn, and this was something that was brought up and talked about a lot. Before we think that Brooklyn is in trouble, we must realize that this is not a problem reserved just for the state of the Brooklyn housing. Due to tougher economic times, housing in all of Cuyahoga County has taken a hit. Residents must understand that this is truly a regional problem, here throughout northeast Ohio. Brooklyn, however, must take steps to safeguard our housing stock. On a positive note, our city was mentioned in this weekend's Plain Dealer. I don't know if any of you saw this, it was a very good, well laid out article. What it shows is a typical home. And if I can read it here, it says, 'Imagine a home in northeast Ohio, three bedrooms, about 1500 square feet...' And what they did was they took the value of this house and they put it in all the communities throughout Cuyahoga County. And they also compared, not only the housing value of that house, but also the taxes on that house. If anyone was concerned about the future of the Brooklyn housing stock, this article should really make them feel comfortable about where we are as a city. We rank around the 20th area here out of about roughly 60 or 70 communities that are mentioned in this article. The taxes are lower than a lot of the communities. If you take a look and you see where we're at, we're in the same area, dollar-wise, as Medina, Aurora, Mentor, No. Royalton, and then Brooklyn. Beyond Brooklyn is Brunswick, Strongsville, Willoughby, Stow, Avon Lake, Fairview Park, Wickliffe, and it goes on and on. The point of this article was to compare the diversity of the housing, and the price value of homes throughout the county. And after reading this I realized how fortunate we are to live in Brooklyn. While we may be seeing some abandoned homes, this is happening throughout the entire county. I really think the people of Brooklyn would feel satisfied by going through and looking at this in Sunday's paper. Another

article that was also in the same newspaper talked about the northeast Ohio school districts facing declining enrollment. They highlight a number of the different communities including No. Olmsted, Fairview Park, Bedford, Berea and Lakewood. They are facing declining enrollments. Fortunately during this 10 year period, Brooklyn faced a greater than 8% growth. That is good news for Brooklyn. So residents that have been concerned, or worried about seeing what's going on in the housing, they should feel very good to see that housing, two of the strongest points, of housing and schools, seem to be doing fairly well. There have been some recent, embarrassing stories coming out of Brooklyn schools, as some of the other speakers mentioned tonight. However, I feel the superintendent has taken some swift and careful thought and action on this. The new leadership in Brooklyn should be given a chance. I encourage you to support the schools by supporting them, getting involved, and doing what you can. Again, Brooklyn's families, their strongest assets are housing and schools, and both of these articles should make residents feel good about Brooklyn. Thank you."

President Albrier: "Thank you Mr. Magrey. Anyone else?"

Hank Corr: "My name is Hank Corr, I live at 4548 Winter Lane. It seems like our schools, all they do is get negative publicity. Last spring there was an essay contest about the Constitution, well it was sponsored by the 16th Naval District. The first and second place compositions came out of Brooklyn schools. Who knows that? What's good we don't hear. We must have some good teachers. We don't hear about them. It's a shame that you can't hear about the good that we have. The reason why I know about the compositions, happened to be my grand-daughter was one of the writers. And that's the only reason why I know about it. There's one other thing that I'd like to bring attention to. Al Koran Shriners in two weeks on February 7th are honoring fire fighters. I hope, Chief, that you got your invitation, I hope Brooklyn is represented. Why are we doing this? Are you aware that in the year 2003 and in the year 2004 less children in northern Ohio got burnt? Somebody in the Fire Department must be doing their job right, and we want to honor them. Thank you."

President Albrier: "Thank you."

Mike Kennedy: "Good evening. Mike Kennedy from Broadview Hts. I'm the person responsible for putting together the Community Natural Gas program for you. And I know it's hard to imagine that you're saving on your gas bill this year, because prices are twice what they were last year. But believe me, you are. In November 58 cents/1000 cubic feet, December 2.9 cents, January 2.9 cents. And we didn't get, as of today we were supposed to have gotten a new, revised gcr for East Ohio, but we did not, so we estimated that, compared to the cost of gas coming from your third party supplier from Columbus, and that's about \$2 per mcf. Finally you're going to see some significant savings."

Mayor Patton: "Excuse me Mike..."

Mr. Kennedy: "Yes."

Mayor Patton: "Could you make it detailed enough to let people know it's only those people who signed up for Volunteer Energy that are receiving that savings?"

Mr. Kennedy: "Yes. Yes, if you're still on another supplier program or the East Ohio rate, this does not apply to you. This only applies to those who are on the aggregated natural gas program. So if I add the first four months of this program's savings up, it comes to just under \$3 per mcf of savings. And on the average home using 114 mcf a year, I'm sorry, it was \$2.65, that's roughly about \$300 a year. And many of you in this room could remember when that used to cover your entire gas bill. So I know it doesn't seem like much, but stick with the program, because after all is said and done, after a year you will realize significant savings, relatively speaking. Thank you very much."

President Albrier: "Thank you. Anyone else care to speak?"

Mr. Kennedy: "Yes, the savings that I'm comparing it against is the rate you would be on through the normal utility route with East Ohio Gas. Some of you may be on some longer term programs, if you were lucky enough to sign up maybe three years ago when gas was at five and \$6 per mcf. Unfortunately, the problem we ran into this year was the hurricanes really drove the market wild. It was going wild before that point,

but then when it hit that point it put a severe dent in where it should have been. Thank goodness for this little reprieve in weather we've had. We've gone from gas prices being \$15 per mcf at the well head just prior to Christmas to the market close as of today of \$8.89 I think it was. So it is coming in our direction. Thank you very much."

President Albier: "Mr. Shaper."

Director Shaper: "What I was trying to say to Mike is, that is savings with respect to if you have not opted into the program. There are plenty of communities that have gone into aggregation that have done worse than no program at all. Not only do you have the benefit of having somebody look out for you, he has beaten where you would be, and there are not many communities that can say that. So I think the administration and the Mayor made a very wise decision in consulting with Mike and starting the opt-in program."

President Albier: "I just checked my bill before I came, and the one from November was 16.211 per mcf and the January bill I just got was 13.25. So it's gone down quite a bit just from November. Yes?"

Director Shaper: "I want to make sure I phrased that right... And the Mayor and Council who chose to go with the supplier."

President Albier: "Thank you. Okay, we'll now move onto reports from Committees, Commissions and Boards, and the first is the Public Works Committee, and that's chaired by Mr. Greg Frey."

Councilman G. Frey: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Last Wednesday evening the Public Works Committee met to discuss Ordinance #2005-55. This is the change in the Codified Ordinance regarding Property Maintenance and Rental Licensing Code in the City of Brooklyn. We had a number of people that wanted to be heard regarding some information that they had. Some of it was maybe right, some of it was maybe not so right. But everybody was allowed to speak. We had, I thought, a very productive meeting. The Council members all participated in it, the public participated. Most of the residents that were here were from the Westbrooks, but there were some that are apartment owners or rental unit owners in the city that brought their respective input into the discussion. We had very good discussion I thought. And I think Mr. Albier's going to address this a little later when we get into the meeting, regarding the ordinance. But I think we need to do some things with the ordinance before it's going to be ready for final passage, and I think we'll do that. And that's the report of the Public Works Committee. Thank you Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. The Public Safety Committee, Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you Mr. Albier. We held a Safety meeting on January 18 at 6:00 regarding information I obtained from other police departments in surrounding communities. The topic covered, Citizen Police Academies. A Citizen Police Academy is a tool used by a law enforcement agency for educating the public about the criminal justice system and the ways to resist crime. The overall goals are to gain support for police work, explain the operations of police agencies, and encourage our residents to undertake appropriate security measures. Police personnel conduct the classes, which usually can run up to 12 weeks. Communications, traffic stops, search and seizure issues, narcotic investigations, SWAT, and many more topics are covered. Our residents would be provided a better understanding of our Police Department and what an officer experiences on a day to day basis. This program will expand community-based crime prevention efforts by providing an avenue for our residents to learn about police procedures. The Citizens Police Academy will encourage a positive police interaction with the public and will become a source for new ideas from both our residents and our Police Department. To be eligible you must be a resident or work in the city, be over the age of 18, and complete the application process, which includes providing proof of identification and a background check. At the end of this program your family and friends will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony. I passed all this information onto Council members, they're going to take a look at it, and then we're going to discuss it at a later date. Our Committee also discussed an ordinance which was adopted in 1999 regarding Police on Patrol Arresting Speeders, which is called POPAS, which places more police officers on the streets without taking money from the police budget. After a period of time a report would be generated and the overtime paid from the General Fund would be paid back out of the POPAS account. After the POPAS account increases the fund could be used for new traffic control equipment and/or training. Since this ordinance has never been implemented, our Committee voted to add it to our agenda to rescind it tonight. And that completes my report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. The Planning Commission, Mr. John Frey."

Councilman J. Frey: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. There have been no Planning Commission meetings since the last Council meeting; however, there will be a Planning Commission the first Thursday of February. It'll be at 4:30 down in the Court chambers. And that's all I have for that report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. The Rec Board, Mr. Craig Patton."

Councilman Patton: "No report this evening, but the next meeting is January 30th at 6:30 in the Mayor's Court."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Patton. Next is the Finance Committee, and since Mrs. Pucci was sick this evening I chaired that Committee. And the Committee recommended that the city enter into agreement with the natural gas contract, and that would be the Stand Energy. And Mr. Fisk advises us that entering with them would save us, or not save, but it would be \$10,000 less per year. So the Finance Committee recommends we sign that contract. The Finance Committee also recommends that the Brooklyn Animal Shelter RFP Request for an Architect be approved. And also Ordinance 2006-2, the interim resurfacing of Ridge Road from I-480 to Memphis Avenue, we recommend that the Council approve that. And the final one was the ordinance of intent for the City of Brooklyn to provide up front costs for the retaining of an architect for the Brooklyn Animal Shelter, and the Finance Committee recommends we accept that. And next is Domestic Violence and Legislative Update, and that's Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "No report Mr. Balbier, but the next Domestic Violence meeting will be February 8th at 6:30 p.m. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you. Next is the Zoning Board of Appeals, and that would be Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "There is no report, but the next meeting is this Thursday, January 26th at 7 p.m."

President Rich Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Ockington. That concludes the reports from Committees, next we'll have the reports of Council, and I believe I'm first tonight. And I put together a committee to look into the building codes and zoning ordinances of the City of Brooklyn. And the committee will consist of Mr. Ockington, the Building Commissioner; myself, two other Councilpeople asked to be on the committee, that's Mrs. Pucci and Mr. Patton, so they'll both be on the committee; Mr. Bob Kinney, who is a resident with experience in real estate; Mr. Regis Barrett, who has knowledge of zoning laws; Ron Tumino, who is a city inspector; and Mr. Don Hilberg, the Safety Director. So there's eight of us, and we'll start probably next month with our first meeting. Also it's been mentioned about the Master Plan meeting. I was there, and there must have been, the estimate was from 150-200 people. It was a very good turnout. It lasted about two hours, with the last half hour questions and answers. There were a lot of good points brought up. And the final meeting, I think it'll be the final meeting of the Master Plan Committee will be on February 16th at 7:00. Also, this evening Mr. Fisk gave us the end of the year Financial Review, and what a difference 12 months makes. I remember last January in the Finance Committee Mr. Fisk told us if everything stayed the same our expenses would be \$1.8 million more than what we're taking in. And at that time our General Fund was exactly \$1.8 million. So if nothing had changed we'd be looking at zero today as a balance. However, after all the changes and everything, we not only paid off all of our bills, but we now have 1.9 million in the General Fund. So I think Mr. Fisk and the Mayor and the Mayor's administration did an excellent job. Also, income tax time is coming up, and if you're a senior you can get help through AARP at the Senior Center, but you need an appointment, so please call in first. That's all I have. Mrs. Brown."

Councilwoman Rita Brown: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Not only has Brooklyn been in the newspaper, but we were also on the television featuring Chief Murphy, and the discussion was on our cell phone law. And the newscaster, the news person, interviewed several people that were stopped in their automobiles speaking on the cell phones; and you know, I was amazed at the attitude of these people. So what, what's the big deal? And they said, well you know the Brooklyn law has gone up, if you get a citation, it has gone up to \$95. You know, who cares about pulling to one side. Well, I congratulate Brooklyn for going to \$95. I congratulate our Police Department for going after these lazy people. And I do call them lazy, they can pull to one side and make their phone call. Is making a hairdresser appointment that important? I don't think

so. I make mine at home. And anyway, I did want to mention that you did very well Chief Murphy, thank you. Okay, the other thing I want to mention, the Master Plan. Yes, of course it was a tremendous turnout. And I especially want to thank Mr. Dockery, who is our North cliff go-getter. He is the person on the east side of Ridge Road, north, excuse me, south of Biddulph. He keeps our neighborhood on its toes. And long life to you Mr. Dockery. Also I want to compliment Mayor Patton on his State of the City message that he presented at the Democratic Club. It was very interesting, very well done, and my compliments Mayor."

Mayor Patton: "Thank you Rita."

Councilwoman Brown: "And I had a, requested a Finance meeting at 6:00 on February 13th. I'm still looking into various salaries, and things of this sort, so I don't bring them on the Council floor without the proper financial meeting. Anyone who wants to come, please do. I feel it's important that you the resident know what's happening with our salaries. And that completes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Brown. I also always call my hair dresser from home too. Mrs. Gallagher."

Councilwoman Colleen Gallagher: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I also would like to thank everyone who attended the Master Plan meeting last Thursday. A couple years ago I talked about a visioning committee and passed out information to Councilmembers in hopes of beginning a process to determine a plan that would guide our community into the future. Those discussions lead our city into the Master Plan. A number of Brooklyn single family homes were built more than 50 years ago. Our neighborhoods require special attention, preservation and maintenance. We need to ensure that the city has a specific financial plan to set priorities and achieve needed capital investments to support economic development and neighborhood quality. We need to act soon to hire a part-time economic development director to promote redevelopment and keep attracting high quality businesses to our city. I'd like to thank the Mayor, Councilmembers and Advisory Committee for all their input. That completes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mrs. Gallagher. Mr. Greg Frey."

Councilman Greg Frey: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Perhaps you should make those phone calls from someplace else. Mr. Kappler..."

Director Shaper: "Yes sir."

Councilman G. Frey: "Have you devised a plan for taking all that salt in our salt bin and turning it into shakers for the tables?"

Director Kappler: "No, but chances are it's still going to snow this year."

Councilman G. Frey: "We're still going to use some of it?"

Director Kappler: "We probably will."

Councilman G. Frey: "And we'll be ready, right?"

Director Kappler: "We are ready, we have a full dome."

Councilman G. Frey: "Thank you. We have been very fortunate this winter. Mr. Kennedy came up here before and started giving us some good news on natural gas, and looks like maybe good news is coming our way on it. But we have been very fortunate, knock on wood, hopefully we get through February as well as we got through January, or at least so far through January. We have not had a below zero or zero to 10 degree forecast for a long time, and that has served us very well. We've been very fortunate. I attended three versions of the State of the City address last week, Mayor Patton, and they all came out relatively the same. I attended the Republican Club, the Democratic Club and the Chamber of Commerce version. You did an excellent job at all of them. There's much useful information involved in them regarding the finances of the city, the programs of the city, the equipment of the city, the preparedness of the city, the fire operations,

police operations, recreation operations. It is an excellent program, if you get to see it... Is that going to be broadcast at all, do you know?"

Mayor Patton: "No, the Master Plan's going to be broadcast."

Councilman G. Frey: "The Master Plan but not the State of the City."

Mayor Patton: "Right."

Councilman G. Frey: "Well, if you ever get a chance to talk to the Mayor about it, there's much useful information in the State of the City address, and I thank you for it, it was very well done. And regarding the Master Plan, all the presenters at the Master Plan, including Mr. Dockery, but not limited, Mr. Patton was a presenter, Mr. Changeri who is here, was a presenter. There were a number of presenters, they did a wonderful job of outlining where we've been, where we are, where we would like to get to, and maybe some of the steps we need to go through to get there on a short term basis over the next couple of years, on a medium term basis maybe over the next five to 10 years, and on a long term basis over maybe the next 10-20 years. Much discussion went into making the Master Plan. There had to be easily 150-200 people there. Shared excellent discussions and questions after the presentation. It was very impressive. Those of you that miss it, please tune in. There's a schedule, I think City Hall has the schedule of when it will be shown on TV. And you ought to take the time to watch it, because this is about the future of Brooklyn. And again, there's much useful information in it. And I think that's all I have Mr. Albier. Thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. Mr. Patton."

Councilman Craig Patton: "Thank you Mr. Albier. I do have a very healthy report tonight. I have... First of all I'd like to also thank everyone for coming to the Master Plan meeting. I thought it was very well done. Mr. Dockery, once again, proved to everybody how hard he works for the Master Plan. I believe the Mayor did a great job as well, along with the State of the City addresses. I did have the opportunity, as Mr. Frey said, to do a small part of that, and I was very proud to be a part of that, because I think the Master Plan is a great idea for the City of Brooklyn. And I also had the honor to serve, to play, actually, in the first annual Brooklyn High School Hockey Alumni hockey tournament, which was ran by Mr. Dan Victor, the head coach. I had a very good time. It's nice to see all the old faces back, that still have pride in the City of Brooklyn, and where we came from. A lot of the guys that I played with in my years now live in other places, and they're very happy to come back to the ice rink, and knock some heads off the windows like we used to in the old days. But there were some very sore bones the next day, so... I'd also like to thank Mr. Ivan Dockery who, once again, and everyone at the Brooklyn High School, from the Superintendent all the way down to all the teachers. We had the opportunity to give a lot of classes throughout the day to the Social Studies classes on behalf of the Master Plan to all the students at Brooklyn High School. I thought it was very well prepared. I was very, very surprised on the reaction we got from the students, and how much they actually follow and understand what's going on with our city government. I think sometimes we take for granted what they think. We had some great surveys that we took that day, it went very well. And hopefully we can start implementing some of their ideas, the youth of today, into what we plan to do with this Master Plan. And last but not least, I would like to say congratulations to Sean and Jennifer Francis on the birth of their son Nolan. They're two very good friends of mine. And also to Bull and Gert Francis and Mr. and Mrs. Bilardo, once again proud grandparents. So that's my report. Thank you Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Patton. Next is Mr. John Frey."

Councilman John Frey: "Thank you Mr. Albier. I too went to the Planning Commission (Master Plan) meeting, it was excellent. Mr. Dockery does a great job. Craig Patton did a very good job. The whole affair was excellent. And Mayor, I want to thank you also, and your administration, for keeping this city in great shape. You're doing a great job. I only trust that a couple years from now you repeat for another four years. You've kept us out of trouble, you've kept us financially secure. And Mr. Fisk, with your financial ability, this city will stay in good shape. Thanks for what you do. And I'd like to thank everybody and anybody that's done anything for anyone. That's my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Frey. That concludes reports of Council, we'll now move on to the Mayor's report."

Mayor Ken Patton: "Thank you John, thank you everyone. I'd like to add a little comment to what Mr. Joe Magrey brought up this evening pertaining to the Plain Dealer article on Sunday. We were ranked number 21 out of 65 communities mentioned. And basically they took an average house in each community, 1500 square feet, three bedrooms. Brooklyn's ranked number 21. The average house of that nature would sell for \$142,500 in Brooklyn. You would pay taxes of \$2,310. Numbers one thru 20, cities that are in Cuyahoga County, Brooklyn is the absolute lowest in taxes you could pay. And then to get in Cuyahoga County you've got to go all the way back down to number 28. So that's something we do have going for us. And what Council's doing and what our people are doing with this Master Plan to make our property maintenance a little tougher, that's what we have to do. And the basic thing is to keep our people in the loop. Let's make sure that their comments are heard and we're going to make it a Brooklyn law that fits our city. Thanks to all who helped with the State of the City, the Republican Club and Democratic Club. There is going to be a change in next year's presentation of the State of the City. I talked with the Superintendent of the schools and we are going to give a joint presentation of the State of the Schools/State of the City beginning next year. The master Plan also went very well. We gave a mini version of the Master Plan/State of the City at the Chamber of Commerce, and also our public meeting. And nearly 200 people were at that meeting. The comments were fantastic. The future of Brooklyn is bright. We all have to stay committed to what we're going to do. So everyone knows, the Master Plan was televised, and it will be on Adelphia Tuesdays after the Council meeting, approximately 9:30 p.m.; Friday after the Council meeting, approximately 9:30 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in the afternoon. For Wide Open West, Mondays 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., after Council meeting; Tuesdays 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., after the Council meeting; Thursday 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Fridays 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., after the Council meeting; and Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. So we're going to get some good airtime. If you can't take the whole meeting in, you can catch it on another day looking at it. But make sure you do see it in its entirety. Get yourself a big bowl of popcorn and a soda and you've got two hours right there. But it's very good. Okay, we're looking at, the Brooklyn Youth Hockey is having a Night at the Races Saturday, January 28th. Doors open at 6:00 and dinner is served at 6:30 with the post time at 7:30. That's going to be at the VFW Hall on Woodrow Avenue in Parma, 4305 Woodrow Avenue in Parma. And the tickets are \$20. And please support Brooklyn hockey. That way they grow up and be a Councilman like Craig Patton, and walk around with a limp because he got beat up last night on the hockey floor. Medicare Part D, community meeting Wednesday, February 22nd between 6-8 p.m. That's going to be over at our Senior Center. Medicare Part D is a very confusing piece that's coming out. And again, we're bringing speakers in to speak on it to answer your questions. Valentine's Day luncheon at our Senior Center will be February 9th. Lunch is served at 11:30, dancing at 1. Music is provided by Bob Spiwak. Dancing's 1-3 and the cost is \$7 advanced ticket sales only. Blood pressure readings. Lutheran Hospital is at our Senior Center every Tuesday from 1-2:30. And our Brooklyn paramedics will be there Thursday, January 26th from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. I wish to inform Council, and welcome two new employees. Under the guidance of the Civil Service Commission rules, I have hired Brooklyn resident Mr. Dane Hammond as an assistant manager in the Recreation Department. His business in financial background will help our move in the direction that I have sought, that being a more business management team working with our city businesses to sponsor and support our recreational activities. Also under the guidance of the Brooklyn Civil Service Commission rules I have hired Mr. Jesus Arroyo as a patrolman in our Police Department, replacing the vacancy of retired Officer Thompson. I do have a report from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. And I will read it in part, and it's important. In early September 2005 the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, which provides public health services to the City of Brooklyn, received a call from Mayor Kenneth Patton. Mayor Patton reported a concern that he was made aware of by residents living on Idlewood Drive, specifically the residents were concerned over a potential cancer cluster involving brain cancer. Therefore the Cuyahoga County Board of Health Epidemiology and Surveillance established two goals for this community cancer assessment, to determine if the rates of cancer, all types, in the City of Brooklyn, are significantly higher than national cancer rates for the years 1998-2002, the most recent data available from the State Health Department; to determine the rates of cancer, including brain cancer, in an investigation area, which includes Idlewood Drive, are significantly higher than normal brain cancer rates for the year 1998-2000. Approximately 74 new cancer cases each year occur in the City of Brooklyn. The results of this analysis do not suggest that there is a significantly higher number of brain cancer cases, which was the basis of the initial concern expressed by the Health Department. The Board of Health forwarded our findings to Robert Indian at the Ohio Department of Health, and he concluded that he did not see anything unusual in the data analysis that suggested one exotic point source playing a role in the Brooklyn cancer burden. Furthermore, Mr. Indian commented that, 'While the number of observed brain cancer cases exceeded the number of cases expected, it is not

statistically significant.' Perhaps more important, the histologies, which is the term used to describe the cellular composition of tissue of the cases on the street of interest, are different, making it less likely that they have similar environmental cause. This is an important point, because looking at the histology information allows experts to further understand if cancer cases affecting the same body site, for example the brain, are exactly the same, or different types of brain cancer. This information is helpful when trying to make associations with potential risk factors. We also asked Mr. Indian to comment on the higher number of bladder cases that was revealed in our analysis. Mr. Indian concluded that although the number was significantly higher than expected, bladder cancer is considered a cigarette smoking related cancer. This is also consistent with the information from the American Cancer Society, which indicates that smoking is the greatest risk factor for bladder cancer. Approximately 58% of the cancer cases in the City of Brooklyn and the investigation area were from four types of cancer: breast cancer in females, colon and rectum cancer, lung and bronchitis, and prostate. Basically it ends, the United States average for bladder cancer per 100,000 persons is 21.3. In Cuyahoga County per 100,000 persons, 22.6 have bladder cancer. In the City of Brooklyn, out of 100,000 persons, 33.2 persons have bladder cancer. The Board of Health told us that they are, although not part of the initial concern expressed they would like to acknowledge that our assessment did reveal a high number of bladder cancer cases in the City of Brooklyn and the investigative area, which was a little bit of the area of Parma too. Although the number was significantly higher than expected, bladder cancer is considered cigarette smoking related. Basically, the City of Brooklyn is nearly the highest area of smokers. So this is their conclusion. I will give all Councilmembers a copy of this report and see what we can do in the future to assist the health of our residents. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mayor. Next we'll have the directors reports, and the first is the Finance Director, Mr. Fisk."

Director Fisk: "We published our end of year Financial Review, and provided that to all members of Council and the directors and the administration. There will be a copy at the reception desk here in City Hall for the next month. If you care to review it and see what our financial picture is, I'd certainly welcome it. All object codes and all funds ended with positive balance, and we certified our balances to the county on January 12th. We didn't exceed the appropriation on any of our funds. We had projected revenues of \$13.813 million for the year, and in fact ended the year \$315,000 above that at \$14.128 million. The main reason for that was increased income tax collections. Last year we collected \$11.425 million in income tax, this year \$12.177 million. The expenses for the year were held to \$131,000 less than last year in the General Fund. So the end result was that expenses were held down, revenues increased, we made a million dollars worth of cuts in the General Fund, we redistributed \$300,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund, we cut expenditures by \$240,000 in the Capital Fund. And because of all those different activities, and those different outcomes, the General Fund increased from \$1.835 million with an end of year balance in 2004 to \$1.957 million in 2005. The Capital Improvement Fund was \$1.344 million in 2004 and we held it at \$1.308 million in 2005. One item of note is that we have done very well on our investments, in spite of the fact that for several years interest rates were at an all time low. We had a \$1.5 million CD in our landfill account that has generated over \$75,000 of income over the market in four years. In our General Fund this year we had projected increased interest income of 78,000. At mid-year I increased that to 94,000. And at the end of the year we finished at 109,000. That was \$52,000 last year when interest rates were very low, so we more than doubled our interest earnings. This week we're starting implementation of an automated purchasing system in finance. This will further automate our finance system. It'll eliminate the paper purchase requests that we do, and it will replace that with automated documentation on our system. On February 13th we will present the bond ordinances and documents for first reading on the long-term financing of the fire station. There'll be three readings on those bond ordinances. We'll complete any deliberations on them by March 13th. The sale should be around April 14th. And at that point we will have taken care of the long-term financing on the fire station. We borrowed \$4.3 million last year to fund the initial construction. We are going to be paying 172,000 in interest. And to this point, from May till the end of December, we generated \$75,000 in interest on those funds, such that we'll probably pay about 80% of the interest costs in the investments that we have done on the outstanding funds that have not as yet been spent. And that concludes my report, thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Fisk. Next is the Service Department, that would be Mr. Kappler."

Director Kappler: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. I have one item I'd like to report on tonight. I'd like to think spring. Senior grass sign-ups will begin April 3rd and end April 7th. The fee is \$15. Anyone signing up after

April 7th will be subject to a \$15 late fee charge. Grass cutting this year will begin May 1st and end September 29th. Our applications this year will have in bold print the following: 'Please bear in mind residents are responsible for maintaining their own lawns before service begins and after it stops.' And that completes my report."

President Albier: "Thank you Mr. Kappler. Next is the Building Department, Mr. Ockington."

Comm. Ockington: "Thank you Mr. Albier. We have received the Planning Commission application from Webber Architecture for preliminary site plan approval to construct a Fifth Third Bank to be located on the vacant lot at the southeast corner of Biddulph and Tiedeman Roads. The meeting is February 2nd at 4:30 p.m. in Mayor's Court. And that concludes my report."

President Albier: "What was the company?"

Comm. Ockington: "Fifth Third Bank."

President Albier: "Okay, thank you. Next is the Police Department, that'll be Chief Murphy."

Chief Murphy: "Thank you Mr. Albier. Your Police Department had a busy 2005, and all indications are showing that 2006 is going to be no different. I'd like to thank the residents of Brooklyn for their cooperation and their support over the past year. And I have a couple numbers here that I would like to just put out there, our emergency numbers. 24 hours a day, non-emergency calls at 749-1234; emergency police or fire dial 911. If this is done by a cell phone it goes to C-Com, it does not come to our station until it is transferred there. Okay, so people would have to know that. If you dial from your homes it comes here. If it's dialed on a cell phone then C-Com will switch you over to the city that you need. And that's all I have Mr. Albier."

President Albier: "How much of a delay is there?"

Chief Murphy: "It's not much of a delay at all, C-Com answers right away and they just switch it over."

President Albier: "Does the name and address come up from a cell phone or not?"

Chief Murphy: "No, it will not."

President Albier: "Okay. Fire Chief, Chief Duchoslav."

Chief Duchoslav: "Thank you. Tonight my report comes from a branch of the Department of Homeland Security, a unit of the United States Fire Administration, and it's entitled Fire and the Older Adult. Adults aged 65 and older are two and a half times more likely to die in fires than the overall population. As Americans age the fire risk increases. Fires occurring in the home and in various health care settings for older adults are often preventable. And the key there is often preventable. Because the older adult population accounts for a substantial portion of the nation's fire deaths and injuries, it is important that we take steps to reduce this fire problem. And again, according to the latest figures, which are from 2002, the National Fire Incident Reporting System, 34% of the people who died in residential structure fires in the United States, or who were injured, were 65 and older. And what I would like to do is remind all our residents, but especially the seniors, that we do supply and install smoke detectors and replacement batteries if they're needed. We also perform home safety evaluations to reduce that risk of fire, to prevent the fire. Both are free, and you can call 216-749-1212, which is the fire dispatch, to make arrangements to have a survey or if you need smoke detectors or batteries. Thank you."

President Albier: "Thank you Chief. Next is the Law Department, Mr. Shaper."

Director Shaper: "I explained at the Finance meeting that the Ordinance 2006-3 is a normal easement given to the Water Department in the City of Cleveland and the City of Brooklyn to allow us to make repairs, to allow the City of Cleveland to make repairs and monitor the water meter at Key Bank. It was pointed out to me since the meeting that the ordinance would be more readable, the title, if I move the word the Grantor to follow after Association. It's a cosmetic change, but it would be more correct to say Accepting a grant of a

permanent easement from Key Bank National Association, the Grantor, permitting the City of Brooklyn the right to enter upon lots more specifically, etc. Nothing that I said at the Finance meeting changes, it is a proper easement in all respects."

President Balbier: "You want to move the word the Grantor to where?"

Director Shaper: "Right after Association."

Councilwoman Brown: "Move to amend 2006-3."

President Balbier: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To amend Ordinance 2006-3, as described, Rich Balbier."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

"John Frey."

Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Balbier: "Next is the Rec Board, that would be Sandy Balzer."

Mgr. Balzer: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. I just want to remind everybody, I know it's still cold out, but we're signing up for our youth soccer program, it's about to enter its 19th season, this Saturday, January 28th from noon to 2 is the last day to register. You must bring a birth certificate at registration. In order to receive the resident rate you must show a current Brooklyn Recreation Department identification card. But if the player's under the age of six the parent must show their Brooklyn Recreation identification card. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer coach, we're still taking people interested in doing that. And we're going to start our coaches' clinics in February. The prices for signing up for soccer, the soccer fees for residents are \$20, the nonresident is \$30, with a travel fee of \$5. But there will also be a U-6 and U-8 in-house league at the \$20 and \$30 cost. Also I want everyone to know that we do, if you don't know already, we have park permits for the grande pavilion, the Old Stone and south creek pavilions. And through the end of this month it is for residents only, per request, and you can call the Rec Center Monday thru Friday from 8:30-10:30, after February 1st for nonresident groups. Next year we're going to be extending the resident only timeframe, and we'll put that in the booklet for next year. But if you're interested and you're a resident, you only have till the end of this month. I mean, you can still call, but you have first priority till the end of this month. The last thing I have is basically, the Baron Cup I and II hockey tournaments begin February 6-12. Monday thru Thursday the games are 5:30 and 8:00; and Saturday the 11th we have a noon, 2:30, 5:00 and 7:30 game; Sunday the 12th the championship games are at 1 and 3:30. I recommend everybody come out and enjoy a great time. And last but not least I want to welcome Dane Hammond to the team and the great staff at the Rec Center. Thank you."

President Balbier: "Thank you Sandy. Next is our Safety Director, Mr. Donald Hilberg."

Dir. Hilberg: "Thank you Mr. Balbier. Being the new kid on the block I was able to attend my first fire station construction meeting Monday, even though I've been on the committee for two years, looking at the feasibility of a station. And the gist of the meeting Wednesday is the contractors are still getting their timeframe set up so they know, a flow chart will come out of this, and we'll be able to follow the flow chart and see exactly how they're doing, behind, ahead, on time. And Thursday they sent out surveyors to check the points that were surveyed. And Friday and Saturday and today they were out putting a fence around the entire project, all the way down through the detention pool down there. And they will bring in construction trailers as soon as the fence is up, probably some time this week. And once I see where construction trailers are at, and we'll see if there's room to put a tent up there, because I intend to spend a lot of time up there making sure that this project goes through, along with Mr. Kappler. And I had a chance this week to tour the police dispatch center, which I'm sure all the Councilmen had their tour, and I think the Mayor, Council, the Police Chief, the Police Department, the citizens should be proud of what they have down there. And I think we're the envy of a lot of cities. That's my report."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Hilberg. The next item is the natural gas contract approval. And I want Mr. Fisk to explain this."

Clerk Fisk: "We've had our natural gas contract with North Coast Energy for the last four years, and we've been very well satisfied with what North Coast has done for us. We have saved thousands of dollars annually with North Coast. However, their bid this time increased their transportation costs from \$1.40 per mcf to \$1.86. We were able to get a bid from Stand Energy for \$1.40 per mcf. We use something over 20,000 mcf per year in the city, and 46 cents is \$10,000. So by switching from North Coast Energy to Stand Energy we avoid an increase of \$10,000 in our natural gas costs. The difference between suppliers depends on where their receipt points are, how far the gas travels, how much the gas supplier has in storage, and what gas the company is willing to part with to gain new business or renew current customers. Stand Energy has given us the best quote. They're a reputable company. We have this before us tonight such that we can get it passed prior to February 10th and get our agreement into the Public Utilities Commission before the 10th of February, which is the date it has to be filed by to begin new service on the first of March. Our contract with North Coast Energy terminates on February 28th."

President Balbier: "Thank you Mr. Fisk. Like I said before, the Finance Committee approved this, but does any other Councilman have any questions? If not, I'll entertain a motion to accept this."

Councilman G. Frey: "Move to approve the contract on natural gas for the city."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the Mayor entering into an agreement with Stand Energy for natural gas for the next two years, Rich Balbier."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

"John Frey."

Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Balbier: "Next is from Mayor Patton. The Brooklyn Animal Shelter RFP request for an architect. RFP stands for Request for Proposal. So do I have a motion for the Mayor to..."

Councilman J. Frey: "I move that we request the RFP, the Mayor request the RFP for the Brooklyn Animal Shelter."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To authorize the Mayor to seek Requests for Proposal for the Brooklyn Animal Shelter, Rich Balbier."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

"Greg Frey."

"Craig Patton."

"John Frey."

Councilman Balbier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Patton: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Balbier: "The next part of the meeting is the audience remarks pertaining to legislation on the agenda. Does anyone in the audience care to make any remarks on the agenda? Mr. Dockery."

Mr. Dockery: "I'd like to speak to Ordinance 2005-55. This Ordinance is far too important for us to allow it not to pass. And I urge Council to table it long enough to consider some tweaking to soften it but not to gut it completely. It could be implemented without hiring extra inspectors. It could be implemented without cost to taxpayers or renters. It could be implemented with only minimal costs to owners of individual rental

houses and multiple unit apartments so that the cost doesn't raise rental rates. I urge you to consider just tabling it for awhile and bring it back out. Thank you."

President Albrier: "Thank you Mr. Dockery. Anyone else care to speak? Okay, we'll move onto **ORDINANCE 2005-55**. This is the third reading for this ordinance. And I intend to table this ordinance like Mr. Dockery said. It's important that we pass this ordinance; however, we had a meeting last Wednesday for the public, and a lot of good ideas came forward. I think we should hash these out. So I would like to table this ordinance, and then I'll give a date for a workshop. So I make a motion that we table Ordinance 2005-55."

Councilman G. Frey: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To table Ordinance 2005-55, Rich Albrier."
"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albrier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Albrier: "Now I'd like to call a Council workshop next Monday the 30th at 7:00 for the sole purpose of discussing this ordinance. The next **ORDINANCE** is **2006-2**, For the interim resurfacing of Ridge Road I-480 to Memphis Avenue in the City of Brooklyn. Mr. Kappler, would you say a few words about this one?"

Director Kappler: "Yes. This is the interim repair, it's what they call a mill and fill. It's scheduled for 2007. Total reconstruction is 2011. What they'll do in '07 is they will take off two to three inches of asphalt, haul it away, come back and put down another two to three inches of asphalt, brand new road again, to get us to the 2011 mark."

President Albrier: "Thank you. Any Councilperson have any comments?"

Councilman G. Frey: "Motion to approve, suspend the rules."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules on Ordinance 2006-2, Rich Albrier."

"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albrier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve, Rich Albrier."
"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albrier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Albrier: "Next is **ORDINANCE 2006-3**. Accepting the grant of a permanent easement from Key Bank National Association, the Grantor, permitting the City of Brooklyn the right to enter upon lots more specifically described in the grant of easement attached hereto for the installation and maintenance of a watermain for the purposes of supplying water service. And like Mr. Shaper said, this is strictly a paper work

so that the Water Department can go onto the property to fix anything or read any meters or so forth. I need on Ordinance 2006-... I need a motion."

Councilman G. Frey: "Move to approve, suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules on Ordinance 2006-3, Rich Albier."

"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve, Rich Albier."

"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "**ORDINANCE 2006-4.** Repealing Ordinance 1999-44, which creates the POPAS unit of the Brooklyn Police Department."

Councilman G. Frey: "Move to approve, suspend the rules."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Discussion?"

President Albier: "Mrs. Brown."

Councilwoman Brown: "Colleen, I wonder if you would explain to the people why we are repealing this ordinance. You did once, but I'm going to ask you to do it again."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Because it was implemented in 1999 and we haven't used it, so I feel that any ordinance that's on the book that we're not implementing we should rescind."

Councilwoman Brown: "Thank you. Yea."

President Albier: "I also would like to say a comment that we've heard before. Our Brooklyn Mayor's Court is the fourth busiest in the State of Ohio. So it seems to me like the Police Department is writing a lot of tickets."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules, Rich Albier."

"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To approve the repeal, Rich Albier."

"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "Next is **ORDINANCE 2006-5**. An Ordinance of intent of the City of Brooklyn to provide up front costs for the retaining of an architect for the Brooklyn Animal Shelter, Inc."

Councilman J. Frey: "Introduced by all..."

Councilwoman Brown: "Suspend the rules."

Councilman J. Frey: "...suspend the rules."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To suspend the rules, Rich Albier."
"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Clerk Fisk: "To adopt, Rich Albier."
"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

President Albier: "Does the Mayor or any other Councilperson have anything they wish to discuss? If not I'll entertain a motion to adjourn."

Councilman J. Frey: "I move we adjourn."

Councilman Patton: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Fisk: "To adjourn, Rich Albier."
"Rita Brown."
"Colleen Gallagher."
"Greg Frey."
"Craig Patton."
"John Frey."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."
Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Patton: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Clerk of Council

MAYOR